## THE BENNINGTON EVENING BANNER

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BENNINGTON, VT., MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1915

PRICE ONE CENT

Many People Think Christianity Means For Them To Decide What Other People Ought to do With Their Money, Their Time and Morals

FOR SALE

NOTICE—Save the Trad Marks from Babbitt's Cleansor, Babbitt's 1776 Sono Powder Babbitt's Live, Babbitt's White Floating So Pand Babbitt's Best Soap, Bring 50 to Willows, by's for Christmas Doll,

FOR SALE COEAP-One Portland cutter one bay mare, gettle, one Jersey and Bur bam heler, one Jessey cow, a vears old, or single harness. S. H. Percey. Tel 179-13. 5500

FOR SALE OR RENT-Ferrets Inquire 408 1.9 Gage St. 32 144

FOR SALE—The two houses formerly owned by Frank Edgerton on Dewey St., two double houses on Fleasant St., store on Main St., good location for busices; aparment over store, building lots, farm, sever 1 single and double houses for sale or rent. Rent collected; pronerty cared for. Gen. Ins. Agt., N. Y. Litc, H. N. Williams, tel. 139-W

FOR SALE-A pair of oxen. Good Ones Very hand? in yoke. H. Merle Botsum Shaftsbury, Vt. 48512\*

FOR FALE—A Smith Premier Tyrewrite No. 5, with Tabulating Astachmeur, Lon Carraye and Two Color Ribbon, But litt used, The Price is \$25. W. A. Root, 121 Saut St.

FOR SALE-Sideboard and combination writing desk in excellent condition; wish boy's auto truck. Call at 504 Gage St. 1016

FOR SALE-Farm and wood land; good six room house and barn; 50 acres of tiliable land; balance wood and and passure land; 200 acres in all; running water to house and tarseveral never-failing springs of pure water of this farm. A very desirable property and location for a bung-low proposition, as there is timeer en ugh to build several buildings; focused 3 muss from Bennington post office. Price \$250. \$100) can be left on projectly Nash & siutchins.

FOR SALE-One eight room house Arlington Vt. Inquire of J. A. Cullinon, 57 Baxte. St., Butland, Vt. 47125

FOR SALE-Variety of Lathe and Plane toom drills and reamers, etc. Apply to El J. Tiffany 409 Gage St. 501f

LOR SALE-One 1915 Ford Touring ear equipped with shock absorbars, at a low price. Bearington Garage. B. W. Williams.

COR SALE—A first class cental office all equipped, doing fine hundres in one of the largest cities in Vermont, Address Den'al, Banner Office.

FOR SATE-Modern house, 8 rooms, in the repair, piszza, good cellar, and large she furear, follet and fity water. Located 5 minutes walk from Main St. Price #1860-\$100 cash. Nash & Butchies.

FOR SALE—A customer basleft with us a Fort Touring car in need of some over-hauling white be desires us to edi for him just as it is. A very i w price will be accepted. The Bennington Gerage, E. W. Williams. 4416

PORSALE-New and until after bolidays igures wreaths faural rops, evergrees rope evergrees wreat s, spruces and holy wrenths and Christmas trees. Graves covered with apruce. Orders delivered or ablosed, Mrs. C. s Morse, North Branca St. Tel. 189-J 26tf

FOR SALE Don't bey r nt; \$15.00 per mor the fire 10 years, with interest, and units to \$5.721.00 Buy a lot and savetnis. I can see you a building lot on Main St., Grant St. Einst., Weeks St., Levey St., Putcam St., Washington St., McKinley St., Dunbam St., Eve et St., Convent, St., Monument ave., and several new streets. Geo. H. Dewey, Agt. 35tf

FOR SALE - cohorses, We just arrived the 3, and have so in select from, 12 pairs 300 to 200, but, 2400 to 200. Singles, 1100 to 150. Several pairs of marcs in lot. All files steephealthy and leady to ork. A few seconds 1100 to 1500 I dark gray marcs 6, 800 fine roaders of a leater wadder. Another load in 1500 to 1500 I dark gray marcs 6, 800 fine roaders of a leater wadder. Another load in 1500 to 1500 I dark gray marcs 6, 800 fine roaders of a leater wadder. and all gaired saudier. Another load in a works, all horses warranted as represented Guilford & wood H are Co., F. J. Wood Prop. 47612

FOR SALE—The home property of Harry and Adeline Daley located on Branco St., only a stort distance from Main St. Trolley, house has 9 couls, all modern improvements including beat, and is in the best of repair, lot has frontage on Branch St. of 65 ft., and depth of 145 ft. with extrabuilding lot on Gage St. extension, barn, good garden variety of fruit nice is via and said. This is a very desirable home property; can be bought vary roasonabilit sold before January Let., for price and full information see, Nash & Hutchins 471f

FOR SALE Fee us before January 1st. r. garding the name place of Joseph Drobs FOR SALE Fee us before January 1st. regarding the nome place of Joseph Drosel
leaved on Dunham Ave., just a step from the
village limits, property consists of I acre of
good land, that can be cut up into three good
bolding lots and still ave enough to go with
home property, modern 9 from house, in excelleat repair, good barn, wagon shod fine vars ty
of fruit, good water, in fact one of the best bagains in Bennington today, this property must
be sold be fore January ist., to settle the citate,
price is very remonable, passession given at
once. Nash & Hutchins

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For Sale: -Oak dining table at 507 Main street.

For Sale: -A fire and burglar proof safe, cost \$500. If taken at once will sell for \$30. Apply Dr. D. A. Gleason, North Bennington. Tel. 398-M 5016

Horses:-We have accommodation for boarding a limited number of horses during the winter. Good quart ers and good care. Two pairs, young matched horses for sale. Ceder Hill Stock Farm, Pownal, Vt. Phone, 13-2 50t6\*

Notice:-Family, moving out of town, has paid \$251.00 on a \$400.00 Upright Grand piano. You pay bal ance \$119.00 and it is yours. The Gibbs Piano Co., 71-73 Main St. Springfield, Mass. 30 years one loca

NOTICE—A pretty box improves the appearance of your Christmas gifts. A handsome line of plain and fancy boxes now on sale in our show room. We make any special size box to older, Benuington paper Box Factory, 705 Maio St.

### No Arguments Permitted.

A barber in the vicinity of the cap tol has posted the following: "All ye crowned heads of Europe,

"All ye black heads of Africa, "All ye fat heads of America,

Please take notice:

"This is a barbershop, "Not a battlefield."

## LOW PRICED ADVERTISINE INSIST SUBMARINE COMMANDER BE San LUNISHED

United States dalls on Austria to Denounce Sinking of Ancona

### INDEMNITY FOR AMERICAN LIVES

Destruction of Italian Liner with Passengers on Board Characterized as Wanton Slaughter.

Washington, Dec. 11.-The text of the American note to Austria-Hungary regarding the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona, made public last night, reveals a formal demand by the United States for prompt denouncement of the 'Hlegal and indefensible" act; for punishment of the submarine commander and for reparation by the payment of indemnity for the killing and abtring of innocent American citizens. The demands follow a statement inform ing Austria-Hungary that "the good relations of the two countries must rest upon a common regard for law and humanity." The note arraigns the shelling and torpedoing of th liner as "inhumane" "Barbarous" and a "wanton slaughter" of "he'r less men, women and children."

In official and diplomatic circles the communication is regarded as being the most emphatic declaration to come from the United State government since the beginning of the European war. No attempt is made to conceal the fact that unless the demands are quickly complied with, diplomatic relations between the two countries will be in grav danger of being severed. The text of the note which was handed to the Austrian foreign office Thursday by Embassador Penffeld is as follows:

The Secretary of state to Embassa dor Penfield:-Department of State, Washington,

December 6, 1915. Please deliver a note to the minis er of foreign affairs, textually as ollows

"Reliable information obtained from American and other survivors who were passengers on the steam ship Ancona shows that on November a submarine flying the Austro-Hungarian flag fired a solid shot toward the steamship; that thereupon the Ancona attempted to escape but clag overhauled by the submarine she stopped; that after a brief period and before the crew and passengers were all able to take to the boats the submarine fired a number of shells at the vessel and finally tor-

### TO REMT

TO RENT-Tenement. Apply E. S. Harris

TO RENT-Two houses on Sliver St., with \* all modern improvements. Apply t Melissa H. Mason, 201 couth et. 44tf

TO RENT-North side of tenement on North Rickart Patterson 128 Scott St. 43.f TO RENT-One double and two single office or stores with all modern improvement a the new Harte Block on Main St. 28if

TO RENT-Furnished rooms in the Brewster block, North St., steam heat, ejectro B. block, North St., steam heat, electric lights, etc. Apply Mrs. L. J. Davis on the premises 45125+

To RENT-On B anch st, Extension; one even room bouse, one acre land, good barn and Len house; all kinds truit trees. Inquire Judson Galustia.

To RENT-Fully equipped machine shop connected with ideal Tour Garage. Car penter and blacksmith shop, stores, offices and ten ments. Goo. M. Hawks, 455 Main St. 811

To RENT—Three furnished steam-h afed rooms, suitable for light housekeeping, in the Levin house, formerly the Eors Adams homesteed on Picasant street Apply to Coarl's N. Powers, agent for the property.

### WANTED

WANTED-Five or six man to belo mover track, Call at stars between thand 12, Tuesday morning, Burit, the Florations.

WANTED-Second girl Address Box M.

WANTED At once a man used to farm work, one that can mus. uses, E. Davis, near Haynes Corner, Tel. 241-3

ANTED— ici or medare area wo an 100 general hous: work. Apply to Mes, Wm H. Myers, 28 Pleasant St., tel. 212-M tatt WANTED-Pupil nurses at the Taunton State Hospital Training School for Nurses. For particulars, address 'r. Arthur V Joss, Supt., Taunton State Hospital, Taunton

WANTED-Girl for general housework at the Allen. 55t8

Wanted:-Men to learn to drive and repair automobiles and be prepared to fill vacancies at good salaries. Write for special offer. Maine Auto Company, 779 Forest Ave., Portland, tonight interior. Tuesday partly Maine. 50t25\*

were yet many persons on board, and that, by gunfire and foundering of the vessel, a large number of persons lost their lives or were seriously injured, among whom were citizens of the United States. The public statement of the Austro-Hungarian admiralty has been brought to the attention of the government of the United States and received careful consideration. This statement substantially confirms the principal declaration of the survivors, at it admits that the Ancona after being shelled was torperdoed and sunk while persons were still on board.

"The Austro-Hungarian government has been advised, through the correspondence which has passed between the United States and Germany, of the attitude of the government of the United States as to the use of submarines in attacking ves sels of commerce, and the acquies cence of Germany in that attitude yet with full knowledge on the part of the Austro-Hungarian government of the views of the government of the United States as expressed in no untertain terms to the ally of Austria-Hungary, the commander of the sub marine which attacked the Ancona failed to put in a place of safety the crew and passengers of the vessel which they purposed to destroy be cause, it is presumed, of the impossi bility of taking it into port as a prize of war. The government of the Unit ed States considers that the commander violated the principles of international law and of humanity by shelling and torpedoing the Anconbefore the persons on board had been put in a place of safety or even giver sufficient time to leave the vessel The conduct of the commander can only be characterized as wanton slaughter of defenseless noncomba ants, since at the time when the vessel was shelled and torpedoes she was not, it appears, resisting or a tempting to escape, and no other rea on is sufficient to excuse such an attack, not even the possibility of res-

"The government of the United States is forced, therefore, to con clude either that the commander of the submarine acted in violation o his instructions or that the imperia and royal government falled to issuinstructions to the commanders of its submarines in accordance with the law of nations and the principles of humanity. The government of the United States is unwilling to believe

he latter alternative and to credi the Austro-Hungarian governmen with an intention to permit its sub marines to destroy the lives of help ess men, women and children. prefers to believe that the comman er of the submarine committed this outrage without authority and con trary to the general or special instructions which he had received.

"As the good relations of the two countries must rest upon a common regard for law and humanity, the gov ernment of the United States canno be expected to do otherwise than to demand that the imperial and royal government denounce the sinking o the Aucona as an Illegal and inde fensible act; that the officer who perpetrated the deed be punished, and hat reparation by the payment of an ademnity be made for the chizens of be United States who were killed o njured by the attack on the vessel The government of the United State expects that the Austro-Hungarian covernment, appreciating the gravity of the case, will accede to its de mands promptly, and it rests this ex pectation on the belief that the Austro-Hungarian government will not sanction or defend an act which is condemned by the world as inhu nane and barbarous, which is abhor rent to all civilized nations, and which has caused the death of inno cent American citizens.

(Signed) Lansing.

### WILL EAT BULL MOOSE

Feature of Fish and Game Club Din ner During the Holidays

Warwick S. Carpenter, publicity agent for the New York conservation service, was at the home of his moth er, Mrs. Anna S. Carpenter, over Sunday and while in town announced that he had secured a hind quarter of moose from a friend in New Brunswick which he purposed to turn over to the Bennington County Fish, Forest and Game association for its an-

nual dinnet. Mr. Carpenter was of the opinion that the dinner should be held some evening between Christmas and New fears. Recently the New York con ervation commission has been makng a number of reels of moving ple tures at the trout hatcheries and Mr arpenter is confident that he can seure some of the pictures for the occasion. He also intends to have on hand at that time a number of lantern slides of wild life.

### WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont, rain or snow on coast, snow cloudy, probably snow.

# BULGARS DRIVING Fortnightly Ladies Saw Some Won-OUT OF SERBIA

Irish Regiments Save Expedition From Destruction

### HAVE CROSSED GREEK FRONTIER

British War Office Admits Loss of Artillery and Men in Six Day

London, Dec. 13 .- A dispatch at 10.15 p. m. yesterday says that the Angle-French troops, who last week began their retirement from their advanced positions in southern Servia, are now approaching, if they have not crossed, the Greek frontier. and the attitude Greece will adopt becomes more and more important Dispatches from Athens and news svallable in London indicate that the matter, which was left to the Greek and allied military authorities at Salonica, is being amicably arranged and that the allies will be allowed to retire to that city without any interruption on the part of the Greeks, and will be permitted to remain there.

Questions which are seriously ocupying the Greek government have o do with the use of the railways, which are needed for the Greek troops, and the damage that might be done to them with the object of impeding Bulgarian pursuit, should the Solia government decide that the British and French are to be followed into Greek territory. The Greek government has good evidence of the ffective manner in which the French engineers destroy railways, in the work done along the line north of the Greek frontier. So well was this accomplished that the Bulgarians were greatly delayed, having to use roads covered with snow, with the result that the French escaped

The British who had advanced far ther from the railway to the north east of Lake Doiran, had a much more difficult feat to accomplish when retirement was decided on, and suffered more heavily. They wer faced by greatly superior forces, and, according to an official report issued last night, their successful withdraw il to a position extending from Lak Doiran to the Vardar valley was largely due to the gallantry of three Irish regiments, the Munster fusil lers, the Dublin fusiliers and the Connaught rangers. The British casualties are estimated at 100, while they were forced to leave behind eight field guns, which had beer placed in position to cover the re-

rements, and could not be removed What the next move will be to known only to the allied staffs, but it is generally believed that the Anglo French forces will fall right back to Salonica, where reinforcements are arriving and which will be fortified. There are also reports that the allies have landed a division at Kavala 50 miles along the coast from Saloul a and near the Bulgarian frontier ut there is no confirmation of this. If it is true, the object doubtless i to secure the railway and prevent the Sulgarians from sending troops west vard into Greece.

### BANQUET AT THE EAGLES Enjoyable Affair at Hose House Sat

urday Evening The Eagle hose company served venison dinner to members, the engineers, foremen of the companies and a few invited guests at the hose house Saturday evening. The venis m was cooked a la Schultz with ba con and was pronounced by the gath ering to be far superior to deer meain any other style. Mashed potatoes squash, turnip, cabbage salad, rolls plives and pickies were served with the venison followed by coffee and cigars.

The dinner was served at 7 o'clock Harry B. North, chairman of the fire committee, was chosen toastmaster Albert Houston, foreman of the com pany, made the address of welcome Village Clerk, W. P. Hogan, in the ab sence of Village President A. W Braisted, spoke in behalf of the vil lage government and there were brief remarks by Trustees Morrissey and McGurn, Chief Engineer Harry B. Spear, Assistants W. E. Sears and Charles Briggs, Postmaster Emory S. Harris, W. A. Vail, W. A. Peart and John Kelly.

Combs. That combs are of ancient origin is proved by the fact that they were found in the rains of Pompell,

derful Handiwork.

The Fortnightly Arts and Crafts program of Saturday at the Congre gational chapel was a most appropri ate one for the closing of the first half of the season's meetings, as it included special music, an exhibit of artistic hand craft and a Christmas

The exhibit was tastefully arrang ed on the stage and at either side. against a background of dark cloth on which were fastened many of the delicate laces and hand woven linens loaned by the St. Albans and Isie la Motte ladies. The designs woven in this linen were dyed with home made vegetable dyes, and the colored threads were interwoven with such marvellous skill that this feature was by far the most unique one of the

whole collection. In addition to many articles of fine lace and embroidery from the ladies of our own town there were splendid samples of hand worked metals and jewelry, beautifully parchments, decorated china, basketry, and wood work from our High school boys showing what fine trair ing they are getting in this course.

Miss Jeanette Perkins, chairman of the afternoon, explained some of the features of the exhibit, and spoke briefly of the aims and ideals of the Arts and Crafts movement. Two short papers were read, one mainly historical by Mrs. J M. Ayres and the other a sketch of the work in Deerfield by Miss Mary Patch.

The opening musical program was given by Abe Noveck, violinist, ac companied by Duane Bassett, and the numbers of these gifted young musicians gave great pleasure. Mr. Noveck played "Legende" by Wieniawski and a "Scherzo" by Von Goens, responding to appreciative encores with Mac Dowell's "To a Wild Rose." A group of singers including Mrs. L. H. Ross, Mrs. J. M. Ayres, Mrs. H. W. Tirrell and Mrs. W. J. Meagher sang a quaint old English carol ac-

ciolin alone. In the ladies parlor the Christmas tea arranged by Mrs. Arthur E. Hollister and Miss Florence A. Waloridge and exhaled the real holiday pirit. Tabel decorations in a rich rimson were carried out in flowers. andles and caudies, and there was a Christmas booklet of verse for every one attending, the gift of the presi-The hostesses were assisted n serving by ten young ladies.

companied in ancient fashion by the

The pourers were Mrs. J. M. Ayres

and Mrs. W. J. Meagher. At the opening business session th vote in regard to a meeting place for he club showed a large majority in avor of the chapel. After the usual rollday vacation the first club meetng is on January 8, under the educa ion committee, Miss Hilda Prati hairman. The speaker is Willare W. Bartlett, M. A., and his subject Present Day Tendencles in Educi

### FOR SERBIAN RELIEF

Bennington Ladies Trying to Raise Money for Sufferers. The Serbian committee, New York

appeals for help in its efforts to releve distress among the Serbians. It is planned to send supplies of food, ciothing etc., in large motor trucks These are evidently superior to esablished stations, indeed they are the only practical means of reaching a people on the march. The non combattant inhabitants of an invad ed country have learned what are the methods of a modern invading army toward the people of the land. S all who are able to do so flee before the foe, such few supplies of money food and clothing as can be hastily got together, are soon exhausted; therefore the suffering increases from day to day. At this time the unusually severe cold adds to the trying conditions. The demand for immediate relief is imperative, With the desire to raise a sum for thi worthy cause and in a method which shall not be burdensome, a commit tee in Bennington plans for a card party in Forester's hall on Wednesday, December 15th. The use of the hall, the furniture, lighting, printing and refreshments have been donated All money received by sale of tickets or subscriptions will therefore go directly to Serbian relief. All person to whom the cause appeals are asked to give the matter their support Those who do not play cards but who will kindly contribute are asked to come to the hall shortly before fly o'clock on Wednesday, when light re freshments will be served. Ticket at 25c, each are on sale at Gokay' drug store; or contributions may be given to Mrs. E. L. Bates, Mrs. T. F. Turner or Mrs. A. S. M. Chisholm.

#### We urge parents to start long term endowments for

their sons. No more practical way to encourage savings and thrift. Ask us for full information. National Life Ins. Co., of Vt. (Mutual.) Earle S. Kinsley, General Agent, Mead Building, Rutland, Vt. Adv.

## NOW NEARING END OF TRIP

Troub'e Among the Members of Native of this County Was Mass Party Said to Have Started

Tell Them That the Time Has Come to Declare an Armistice and Try to Agree on Peace Terms.

New York, Dec. 13.-Henry Ford today sent out wireless messages from the Oscar II to the heads of the warring governments in Europe stating that the time had arrived for them to declare an atmistice for the settlement of the great struggle.

On board the Oscar II by wireless to Land's End. Eng., Dec. 13 .- Discord has broken out on board the Ford peace ship. Several members of the party have declared their intention of leaving the ship upon its arrival at Christiana and returning to America. The trouble has arisen between the extreme pacifists and the element that is supporting President Wilson's preparedness program.

### BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers

The regular monthly meeting of the Y. W. C. will be held Wednesday evening at 7.30.

For shoes and rubbers go to Joe Levin's, corner of North and River streets where their stock is larger than ever before and prices lower than elsewhere. Adv.

An interesting feature of the service at the Methodist church last evening was the singing of the four hymns which of the forty four different choices of the congregation one lod to Thee, and I Need Thee Every Hour, which stood first and were tie. Lead Kindly Light, next, and O Happy Day, third. I Need Thee Every Hour was rendered on the Victrola, as sung by Gluck and Homer. Special gospel selections were sung by the choir and a solo Face to Face by Miss Edna Loomis. Meeting of the Methodist Brotherhood will be held this evening in the lower rooms of the church. The Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary societies of the Methodist church will meet this eve

Nitrocellulose.

Cotton in the form of nitrocellulose is the most important component of all military propulsive explosives. Strictly speaking, the raw material used is cotton waste, or the stuff rejected in the manufacture of cotton goods. Jute, ramie, kapok fiber, suiphite pulp, spun cotton and other forms of celiulose, have all been tried, but the only trustworthy material is cotton waste.

Ferocity of Man. I recoil with horror at the ferocious ness of man. Are there no means of coercing justice more gratifying to our nature than a waste of the blood of thousands and of the labor of millions of our fellow creatures?-Thomas Jef-

Easier.

ferson.

"I'm going to the dentist's to have this tooth out. Just mind the baby till I come back." Husband (with alacrity)-You mind the baby, Jessie. I'll go and get a tooth pulled out!-Exchange.

Binks-Young Mr. Flighhigh is certainly a man of promise. Jinks-So I hear. I understand Miss Butterfly is suing him for fifty thousand .- Judge.

A Breach.

Sidestepped. Bix-Can you lend me \$5 for a month. old boy? Dix-What the deuce does a month old boy want with \$5?-Boston

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the much this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed. Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be desiroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENNEY & CO., Tolsdo, Ohio.
Sold by Drugglets, Tie.

Take Yail's Family Pills for constipation

### FORD'S PEACE SHIP CLARENCE P. NILES DIES SUDDEMLA IN PITTSFIELD

achusetts District Attorney

FORD SENDS WORD TO KINGS STUDIED LAW IN BENNINGTON

Practiced for Some Time in This Vi lage Before Seeking Broader Field in Bay State.

Clarence Pollard Niles, 42, district attorney of the western district of wife. Acute indigestion, which brought about dilation of the heart, caused death.

Clarence Pollard Niles was born in Shaftsbury, June 20, 1873, the son of Burr and Clorinda (Pollard) Niles. His father, who is now 80 years of age, was a farmer. The later district attorney was the only child. He received his education in the public schools of his native village and at Bennington high school, leaving the latter institution in his senior year to enter the law office of Charles H. Darling, then a practitioner in Bennington, later secretary of the navy. to study law. Mr. Niles was clerk of the legislative committee appointed in 1893 to revise the laws of Vermont, and during the latter part of that year took the bar examinations and was admitted to practice. Immediately he started in business for himself and remained in Bennington for four years, going to North Adams in 1897, where he began practice by himself.

Later, in North Adams, he formed a partnership with his cousin, Benweek ago, proved to be Nearer My jamin Niles, but this was soon dissolved. Afterward he was a member of the firm of Niles & Magenis, John Magenis, being the other member. When this firm was dissolved, Mr. Niles practiced a short time alone and in 1910 the firm of Niles. Lewis & Drysdale was formed, Mr. Niles being the senior member. Joseph Ward Lewis of Pittsfield and Hugh P. Drysdale of North Adams were the other members. This firm was dissolved three years ago, each partner entering business for himself again. Mr. Niles continued practice in North Adams until June 1, 1913. when he moved to Pittsfield and on September 3, 1912, took as his partner Frederick M. Myers, who has been an assistant to the district-attorney since he was elected. The attorneys have had offices in the Agricultural national bank building on North street.

Attorney Niles was admitted to the Berkshire bar on July 2, 1897. He was for four years a member and chairman of the North Adams board of health, was city solicitor in North Adams under Mayors John H. Waterhouse and Dr. W. E. Brown. He resigned when he moved to Pittsfield, and was always active in municipal affairs in that city. For 10 years he was attorney for the town of Clarks-

burg. District Attorney Niles had membership in various fraternal organizations and clubs. He was a member of the Berkshire bar association and of the American bar association of the Boston press club, of the Berkshire club of North Adams, of the Park club of Pittsfield and of the Masonic fraternity. He first joined Mount Anthony lodge of Masons in Bennington. He also held memberships in Taft commandery. Knights Templars of Bennington, Mystic lodge of Masons and Collina chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in Pittsfield. He was also prime mover in the organization of the Berkshire Vermont society and its first president. He held membership in the

Berkshire law library association. He was first married at Plainfield, N. J., on January 6, 1896, to Miss Virginia T. Scarborough of that place whom he met while she was teaching chool in Bennington, His second narriago was to Miss Jeanette Hatch, daughter of the late Sanford Hatch of Bennington, in that town on May 18, 1910. They abserved their fifth wedding anniversary during the priminal court sitting of Hampden county at Springfield on May 18 last, when Mrs. Niles went to Springfield to be with her husband on the anniversany. She survives, as do two children by his first wife, Elgiu Scarborough and Mildred Clorinda Nies. all of Pittsfield, and his father, Burr